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SUBJECT: BLADIMIR KOSTOV AND WIFE TO COLLABORATE WITH RFE

REF: SOFIA 1503 AND PREVIOUS

1. VLADIMIR KOSTOV, BULGARIAN JOURNALIST WHO REQUESTED AND RECEIVED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN FRANCE LAST JULY, APPROACHED PARIS OFFICE OF RFE/RL LAST WEEK TO OFFER HIS COLLABORATION.
2. RFE ACCEPTED KOSTOV'S OFFER AND ARRANGED FOR HIM TO DO TWO TEN MINUTE PROGRAMS PER WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWO MONTHS FOR RFE'S BULGARIAN-BROADCASTING DEPARTMENT. KOSTOV'S PROBRAMS WILL DEAL MAINLY WITH BULGARIAN DOMESTIC POLITICS, THE STATE AND PARTY LEADERSHIP IN BULGARIA, AND BULGARIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. MRS. KOSTOV WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAMS.
3. KOSTOV'S FIRST PROGRAM WILL BE AIRED THIS EVENING AT 1930 HRS. BULBARIAN LOCAL TIME. THIS PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE NARRATED BY KOSTOV PERSONALLY, WILL SERVE AS INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES. A SECOND PROGRAM DEALING WITH THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE WILL BE BROADCAST LATER THIS WEEK.

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4. COMMENT. RFE CONSIDERS THE KOSTOV SERIES AS PERHAPS THE BULGARIAN BD'S BEST OPPORTUNITY IN TWENTY YEARS. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT KOSTOV REPORTS THAT RFE BULGARIAN BD'S BROADCASTS CAN BE HEARD IN SOME ARES OF SOFIA DESPITE JAMMING.BETTS

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